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SUBJ: E&E, NEMVAC PLANNING

1. DEPT. OF STATE SECUIRITY PLANNING TEAM OF RSS GARRETT AND RSO LAFRANCHI HAVE SUBMITTED COMPLETE DRAFT OF REVISED E&E PLANS. THESE PLANS ENVISIC EVACUATION TO TO UNDERTAKEN FIRST BY AIR USING FIXED WING CHARTERED/ MILITARY AIRCRAFT; AND SECOND BY SEA, USING CHARTERED VESSELS AT CHITTAGONG OR CHADPUR. AS PART OF MOVEMENT SCHEME, WE CURRENTLY SURVEYING PROSPECTS OF RIVER CRAFT FROM DACCA TO CHANDPUR AND CHANDPUR TO CHITTAGONG OR THE BAY. RIVER CHANNEL AND MOUTH ARE 8 TO 12 FEET IN DEPTH DURING DRY SEASON.

2. UNDER FIXED WING AIRLIFT OPTION, OUR PLANS INCLUDE THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT DACCA, AND FOR THOSE IN OUTLYING AREAS, COMMERCIAL AIRPORT FACILITIES IN THE TOWNS OF THAKURGAON, SYLHET, ISHURDI, COMILLA, JESSORE AND CHITTAGONG. THESE LATTER AIRPORTS ARE CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL AND DAILY SERVICED BY BANGLADESH BIMAN AIRLINES OPE-
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RATING WITH FH FOKKER TWIN TURBO PROP JETS. EVACUATION FROM THESE AIRPORTS IS CONSIDERED A VIABLE OPTION IF OVERLAND MOVEMENT OR COMMERCIAL AIR MOVEMENT TO DACCA WAS DENIED.

3. WE CAN APPRECIATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF A HELICOPTER LIFT BUT BELIEVE IT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AS A LAST RESORT OPTION. WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY RULED OUT ANY OVERLAND EVACUATION INTO INDIA.

4. WE RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES TO A MINIMUM PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND THIS IS INCIDED IN OUR PHASED PLAN NO LATER THAN PHASE I. CURRENT FIGURES ARE: DACCA-485; CHITTAGONG-106; ALL OTHER AREAS - 138; TOTAL-729.

5. POST HAS TENTIATIVELY DESIGNATED BANGKOK AS PRIMARY SAFEHEAVEN WITH MANILA AND SINGAPORE AS OPTIONS.

6. POST APPRECIATE SUPPORT OF CINCPAC AND WELCOMES VISIT OF PACOM EVAC PLANNERS FOR ON-SCENE ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION. VISIT SHOULD BE LOW KEY WITH MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED AND CAN BE PROGRAMMED SOONEST. OFFICER SHOULD BE IN CIVILIAN ATTV#AND PREFERABLY WITH NO MILITARY IDENTIFICATION IN PASSPORT. ADVISE NAMES AND ETA.
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